Establishing a Web-Based Data Collection System for National School Lunch and National School Breakfast Program Data

Technical Report

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Abstract

This report is a followup to an initiative to establish a central website to collect data from States on the National School Lunch and the School Breakfast Programs. A central website could be used by researchers and program administrators to compare and analyze data across State and local areas for participation trends in local school district programs. The report provides an implementation plan for establishing a central website, including potential costs, benefits, and alternatives. The initiative is one of three that have the potential to improve the usefulness and cost-effectiveness of research on Federal food assistance and nutrition programs. The other initiatives are addressed in the reports, *Linking the Current Population Survey to State Food Stamp Program Administrative Data* (E-FAN-04-005-1) and *Linking WIC Program Data to Medicaid and Vital Records Data* (E-FAN-04-005-2).

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